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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 BAILLIE KITCHELL,

10 Plaintiff(s),

Case No. C22-1581-RSM

ORDER RE MOTION FOR EAJA FEES

11 v.

12 COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY
13 ADMINISTRATION,

14 Defendant.

16 Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, Plaintiff's EAJA
17 petition and adjusted invoice and the assignment of EAJA fees to Plaintiff's attorney by Plaintiff,
18 it is hereby ORDERED that: EAJA attorney's fees in the adjusted amount of \$2,500.00 shall:

20 1) Be awarded to Plaintiff pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S.Ct. 2521,
21 2531-2, 177 L.Ed.2d 91 (2010) and delivered to Plaintiff's counsel; however,

22 2) The Acting Commissioner shall contact the Department of Treasury after this
23 Order is entered to determine if the EAJA Award is subject to any offset. If the U.S. Department
24 of the Treasury verifies to the Office of General Counsel that Plaintiff does not owe a debt, the
25 government will honor Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA Award and pay the EAJA Award directly
26 to George Andre Fields, Esq, Plaintiff's counsel. If there is an offset, any remainder shall be
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1 made payable to Plaintiff, based on the Department of the Treasury's Offset Program and
2 standard practices, and the check shall be electronically deposited to Plaintiff's counsel, George
3 Andre Fields, Esq. at P.O. Box 231024, Sacramento, CA 95823.

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5 DATED this 31st day of May, 2023.

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9 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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